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Christian Birkner, et al.) EXAMINER: Suryaprabha Chunduru
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FOR: <u>IMPROVED METHOD FOR</u> <u>BISULFITE TREATMENT</u>) Attorney Docket: 22307-US

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 18, 2008, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. This submission is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination. This submission further accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time. With the granting of the request, the deadline to respond is reset to July 18, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 4 of this paper.